Problems of CGHS Entitled MPs Families

3479. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to solve the problems of CGHS entitled families of MPs staying in muffasil areas and facing difficulties in getting medicines and getting them prescribed and signed by Government doctors, and filing up of applications;

(b) whether there is any proposal to simplify the procedure, at least in cases where patients are required to undergo surgery in private nursing homes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The families of MPs residing in non-CGHS areas are covered under CS(MA) Rules, 1944. They can obtain medical facilities through the A.M.A. appointed in their area by their Department and get reimbursement of medical expenditure from their Department (ii) In case of emergency, the treatment can be taken in any private hospital/nursing home/clinic and *ex-post-facto* approval can be granted by the head of the Department in such type of cases (iii) In normal circumstances, the treatment can be taken through the A.M.A. in any Govt./ Govt. recognised/ State Govt./Public Sector/Municipal Corporation hospital.

Upgrading Rural Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

3480. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank assistance has been availed by Government for upgrading some rural hospitals in Andhra Pradesh to improve health services in rural areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what other measures are being taken by Government for delivery of health services to the poor and disadvantaged in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A

State Health System Development Project with World Bank Assistance aiming at improving upgrading the Secondary level Health facilities at a total cost of Rs. 608.00 crores is under implementation in the State of Andhra Pradesh with effect from 1.3.95 for 6/1/2/ years. The main objectives of the project are:—

(i) To improve the quality and effectiveness of health services in the Primary Health Care Sector and

(ii) To improve the access to primary services by improving the quality and quantity of physical and human resources for underserved population including woman, SC/STs.

The project envisages extending/renovating 21 district hospitals, 47 Area Hospitals, 25 Sub-community/Taluk Hospital, 49 Community/Taluk Hospital, addition of three new MCH including upgrading and improving Primary Halth Care Services by strengthening 950 Primary Health Centres.

(c) A Statement is attached.

Statement

IPP—VIII PROJECT

The World Bank assisted IPP—VIII Project is under implementation in the Hyderabad city (since August, 1993) and 73 other cities/towns (since January, 2000) at a cost of Rs. 100.80 crores. The Project aims at improving the health and family welfare status of slum population of living in these cities. The Project, which will come to an end on 30th June, 2001, is making good progress and has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 32.08 crores so far.

RCH SUB-PROJECT

Two World Bank assisted Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Sub-project are under implementation in Mehboobnagar district and Hyderabad city (7 municipalities) of Andhra Pradesh at a cost of Rs. 18.96 crores and Rs. 7.72 crores respectively since October, 1997 for a period of five years to improve access to essential RCH services to address the needs of women and men in reproductive age and children particularly among disadvantaged groups and areas; focus on safe motherhood, child survival and prevention of RTI/STI and establishement of effective referral services. An expenditure of Rs. 3.06 crores has been reported under these projects.

NATIONAL LEPROSY ERADICATION PROGRAMME

All the districts of the Andhra Pradesh are brought under Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) Services covering both Rural and Urban population including disadvantaged group. The services provided and identification of cases, free confirmation of diagnosis and treatment facilities with MDT, disability and ulcer care and public awareness towards leprosy and availability of services.

Two round of Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaign (MLEC) has been organized in all the districts of Andhra Pradesh covering specifically poor and disadvantaged group. A total No. of 18742 new cases detected during MLEC-1 and 7919 during MLEC-II.

REPRODUCTIVE AND CHILD HEALTH (RCH)

The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme launched in 1997-98 for implementation during Ninth plan period is being implemented as a part of 100% centrally sponsored Family Welfare Scheme. The programme is being implemented in the country including all districts of the Andhra Pradesh. The World Bank, European Commission UNFPA, UNICEF and some other bilateral donors, jointly fund the programme. The RCH programme is being implemented through the State/ UT Governments through the network of Sub-centres, PHCs CHCs and district level health activities.

Under the programme, the State is being assisted for strengthening the Primary Health Care System by providing Additional ANMS., PHNs/Staff Nurse, Lab. Technicians, Safe Motherhood Consultants and Anasthestits on contractual basis besides supply of vaccines, miner civil works, drugs and equipments and strengthening of IEF,MIS,NGOs participation and training activities etc. for implementatioh of the programme. The details of kind and cash assistance provided by the Government of India to Andhra Pradesh during last 3 years is given below.

(Rs. in crores)

	Assistance Provided		
Year	Kind	Cash	Total
1997-98	17.23	9.46	26.69
1998-99	23.65	4.64	28.29
1999-2000	22.80	18.54	41.34

Figures provisional.

IMMUNIZATION STRENGTHENING PROJECT

A World Bank credit of US $ 142.6 million has been approved for polio eradication activities as well as for strengthning of routine immunization programme throughout the country. Andhra Pradesh is covered under the project.

NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL PROGRAMME

The National AIDS Control Programme is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme implemented all over the country, including Andhra Pradesh for prevention and control of AIDS.

Funds provided to Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society, Hyderabad for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS during the last three years is as under:

Year	Grant Released (Rs. in Lakhs)
1997-98	425.00
1998-99	650.00
1999-2000	1219.67

Family Health Awareness Campaign was also launched in Andhra Pradesh for making awareness about prevention and control HIV/AIDS.

REVISED NATIONAL CONTROL PROGRAMME

With World Bank assistance Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) was initially started in Hyderabad, Department of International Development (DFID) has reached and agreement with Government of India for support of RNTCP in the entire State of Andhra Pradesh in a phased manner at a cost of Rs. 109.93 crores.

AN ENHANCED MALARIA CONTROL PROJECT (EMCP)

For improving the Malaria situation in the State of Andhra Pradesh, 79 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in 10 predominantly tribal and malaria endemic districts have been included under Enhanced Malaria, Control Project (EMCP) with World Bank support.The Project aims at intensifying the Malaria control activities through District Malaria Control Societies (DMCS) by making available funds for operational wages, payment of Malaria Link Volunteers (MLVs) and other inputs.

CATARACT BLINDNESS CONTROL PROJECT

A World Bank Assisted Cataract Blindness Control Project is being implemented in all the districts of Andhra Pradesh to improve Eye Care Services in rural areas. The Projects includes Construction of wards and Operation. Theatre at District Hosptials, Dark Rooms at Primary Health Centres, Supply of equipments. Training of personnel, Grant-in-Aid to NGOs and Public awareness. Village-wise blind registers are being prepared to indentify blind persons for treatment.

Outbreak of Rat Scare

3481. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Another outbreak of rat scare, this time it's leptospirosis", appearing in the Times of India dated 4th August, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) how many people have been affected by the disease in Mumbai, Delhi and other parts of the country, so far; and

(d) what action Government have taken to educate the people about the safeguards against this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Outbreaks of leptrospirosis were reported in the months of July-August, 2000 from the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala and Delhi. As per information available, the number of suspected case of leptospirosis and deaths is given in the Statement (*See* below).

The following steps have been taken by the Government to spread awareness about the disease:—

1. Guidelines indicating nature of the disease, its prevention and control have been circulated to all States.
2. Doctors have been sensitized to maintain high degree of vigilance in order to send suspected cases for laboratory confirmation.